

# Press Release



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## ***Cross Ranch State Park Birding Festival***

**Hensler, ND (May 1, 2006)**—Please join us this weekend to celebrate the spring migration with our first Cross Ranch State Park Birding Festival. Activities begin on the evening of Friday, May 5, with a “meet and greet” from 7-9 p.m.

Then join us for an early morning bird hike on Saturday, May 6. This hike will meet at 7 a.m. at the River Peoples Visitor Center. We will also be offering programs throughout the day, including basic birding sessions, bird hikes, and craft programs for the kids. Our keynote address will be at 7:30 p.m. by Dave Angell of the Bismarck/Mandan Birding Club.

The weekend will wrap up on the morning of Sunday, May 7, with another early morning bird hike at 7 a.m.

This event is free and open to the public; however, either a valid North Dakota State Parks annual pass or a daily pass will be required. The park is located on the west side of the Missouri River, halfway between Center and Washburn. If you have any questions, or would like a schedule of events, please contact Don Winter at 794-3731 or via email at [dcwinter.nd.gov](mailto:dcwinter.nd.gov).

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